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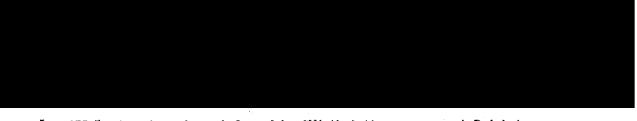
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- 1. SED leaders have been informed by SMA that they may expect Reichstag elections in February or March 1947. The SED has to decide whether or not to participate in the government to be formed at that time. The results of the Berlin election are expected to influence the SED decision. A number of SED leaders, including Paul Merker, are said to favor becoming the opposition party. They point to the scant thanks the SED received for its efforts in Berlin while the SPD enjoyed great success by declining all responsibility and appealing to the "masses still strongly tainted with the Nazi disease", They claim that Schumacher, by attacking the British and Americans, is gaining as many followers as Hitler did by attacking the Versailles treaty.
- 2. According to the same source, it is doubtfull that the Russian authorities will allow the SED to become the opposition party. In the event that the SED does enter a coalition central government following Reichstag elections, it counts on obtaining two influential portfolios: Foreign Affairs and Labor.

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